

WASHINGTON, DC- Today, as co-chair of the Labor and Working Families Caucus, Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez joined over 500 workers and labor leaders from across the United States and the Dominican Republic in a rally in to oppose passage of the Central American Free Trade Agreement. CAFTA is the trade agreement being negotiated between the United States and five Central American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic.

Congresswoman Sánchez led the crowd in a chant “SAY NO TO CAFTA!” that resonated throughout the Cannon House Office Building Courtyard. “If you want to protect workers rights, if you want to improve public health, if you want to safeguard our environment, if you want to halt the job loss that gets worse and worse every month, then SAY NO TO CAFTA!” Sánchez rallied.

“CAFTA hurts hard-working people both here and in Central America. We need to protect labor rights here in the U.S., but also set the global standard for labor rights,” she added.

As a former IBEW worker, Congresswoman Sánchez understands the grave implications that such a trade agreement would have on workers in the United States and the need to create a “global standard for labor rights.” Congresswoman Sánchez called on members of the labor community to remain united and steadfast in fighting CAFTA until it is defeated.